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## **Forever Cheese recalls Ricotta Salata Frescolina**

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is informing Colorado consumers that Forever Cheese Inc. of Long Island City, N.Y. is recalling all Ricotta Salata Frescolina brand, from one specific production date due to possible *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination. The production date is coded 441202, lot number T9425, on the original wheel.

There have been 14 reported illnesses in 11 states, including one in Colorado. Since most of this cheese has been cut and repackaged, lot numbers may not be available or distinguishable. As a result, the state health department recommends that consumers not consume any Frescolina brand Ricotta Salata cheese.

The recalled cheese was provided to the following Whole Foods locations in Colorado: Bel-Mar, Capitol Hill, Cherry Creek, Fort Collins, Highlands Ranch, Pearl Street, Southglenn, Superior, Tamarac and Washington Park. Forever Cheese has notified Whole Foods of the recall through Whole Foods national headquarters in Austin, Texas. The cheese in question was shipped to the Colorado locations between July 12 and Aug. 2. The last shipment of this cheese to Colorado was shipped to the Superior location Aug. 2. The state health department is working with Whole Foods to ensure product removal from the stores.

Eating food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal infection.

People who are at high risk for listeriosis include people age 60 and older; people with weakened immune systems from transplants or certain chronic diseases, people on immunosuppressive therapies or medications; and pregnant women. Healthy adults rarely develop this illness.

Symptoms of listeriosis can include fever and muscle aches, and also can include diarrhea, headache, stiff neck, confusion and convulsions. Listeriosis also can cause miscarriages and stillbirths.

If you have any questions please call Jeff DiMeo at Forever Cheese, 888-930-8693, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern time and mention the recall. [Photo: Product Labels](#)

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